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Questions and Answers #3 to Request for Proposals (RFP) Internet Service Provider (ISP) Project No. 050R4800181

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Received the following questions by e-mail, which are answered for all offerors to the referenced RFP. The numerical sequencing begins at question #11 since questions up to #10 were answered in Q&A #2.

11. **Question:** Section 1.31 addresses the utility of a system or application by the visually handicapped. As such, it is inapplicable to the requirements of this RFP, which address only (i) the hosting of the State's content and (ii) the underlying physical network through which access to the State's content is delivered. Since prospective vendors are not providing any content, they cannot make the warranties contemplated by this provision. In light of the background provided above, will the State delete this provision of the RFP?

Answer: COMAR 21.05.08.05 states, "Except as provided in §B of this regulation, the following clause is a mandatory provision for each...request for proposals under COMAR 21.05.03 for the purchase of new or upgraded information technology..."

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By <signed> .
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